

ABSTRACT

G-IIB-255

MASON-DIXON LINE: MILESTONE NO. ----(210) 1767 (mound), 1902 (monument)
Strawn (formerly Oakton), Maryland/Pennsylvania vicinity
Public/private

Milestone No. ----(210) and the small mound of earth and stones on the western slope of Winding Ridge mark Mason and Dixon's 188th mile west of the northeast corner of Maryland, the beginning of their 230.228-mile West Line, the English provincial boundary later known as the Mason-Dixon Line, famous for its historical impact and innovative survey methods. The monument is a very plain dressed marble post with a low pyramidal top, quarried and carved in Cockeysville, Maryland. It is in very good condition, unaltered, firmly in place; measures 10 inches square by about 14 inches high above the mound; and is embellished only by the capital letter P on the north side facing Pennsylvania, M on the south side facing Maryland, the year 1767 on the east side (when this site was originally surveyed and marked with a cairn), and 1902 on the west side (when this new monument was added to the center of the remains of the cairn during the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary). The mound, also in very good condition, measures an estimated 7 feet in diameter by about 1½ feet high at the center, and is covered with weeds and ferns. On the national and state levels, No. ----(210) and the mound are significant primarily as being among the thematic group series of some 248 markers still visually defining the West Line. Locally, as among the some 42 markers along the present Garrett/Somerset-Fayette county boundary, they are also significant symbolically for their identifiable relationship to the colonial and Civil War heritage of these counties.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME BOUNDARY MARKERS ALONG THE MASON-DIXON LINE (THEMATIC GROUP)
HISTORIC (Mason and Dixon's) West Line

AND/OR COMMON
Mason-Dixon Line: Milestone No. --- (1900-03 Resurvey Monument No. 210)

2 LOCATION (not for publication)
STREET & NUMBER off the southwest side of US 40 (National Pike)

CITY, TOWN Strawn (formerly Oakton) ☒ VICINITY OF CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
MD: 6 / PA: 12
STATE Maryland/Pennsylvania COUNTY
MD: Garrett / PA: Somerset

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS N/A	PRESENT USE	
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER: state boundary marker

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY (monument and mound only; see Thematic Group NR nomination form and surrounding property ownership list)
NAME State of Maryland/Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Telephone #:
STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN _____ STATE, zip code
_____ VICINITY OF

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION (see Thematic Group NR nomination form and surrounding property ownership list) Liber #: _____
COURTHOUSE. Folio #: _____
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN _____ STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS (also see Thematic Group NR nomination form)
TITLE Garrett County Historic Sites Inventory

DATE G-IIB-255 entered 9/4/81 ☐ FEDERAL ☒ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Maryland Historical Trust

CITY, TOWN Annapolis STATE Maryland 21401

CONDITION		CHECK ONE (monument)	CHECK ONE (monument & mound)
—EXCELLENT	—DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE MOUND
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	—RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED (mound)	—MOVED DATE _____
—FAIR	—UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

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The area here is the ^{remote}/~~densely~~ forested western slope of one of the many mountain tops comprising Winding Ridge. The site is within Election District 2 of Garrett County, MD, and Addison Township of Somerset County, PA; about 1½ miles due west of the small settlement of Strawn (formerly Oakton), MD/PA, and where US 40 crosses the Line; at a point about "68 chains from the summit" (according to the 1900-03 Resurvey, p. 99), about 36 feet east of an old trail leading into the woods on the south side, ^{in a ferny shoulder} at the south edge of a wide east-west clearing serving the pipelines and electrical lines the edge of maintenance ditching (which appears to have slightly altered the mound on the north side). It cannot be seen from any road, nor easily from closeby; and seems protected by the remoteness and obscurity of site, but subject to further erosion by the proximity of the ditching ^{and} runoff.

The monument, identical to 65 other monuments of 1902 set west of Sideling Hill to visually reestablish the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary, is of a white fine-grained marble called saccharoidal dolomite of magnesian limestone; was originally cut about 10 inches square by about 4½ feet long, intended for setting about 1½ feet above ground with the remaining 3 feet for setting into the ground, thus eliminating the need for a concrete foundation. The letters and numbers are blocky, V-sunk without serifs, and are horizontally aligned as a band around the stone near the top. These, and the top planes and apex are clear and intact, although there is a large chip out of the top northeast corner ^{and} small chips at the other top corners ^{along the} vertical edges.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY (see Thematic Group NR nomination form for full descriptions of the 1902 monuments and the 1900-03 Resurvey method of setting them into existing Mason and Dixon mounds)

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER		
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)		
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			boundary surveying	

SPECIFIC DATES 1767 (mound) ~~1767 (mound)~~ Charles Mason and Jeremiah Dixon
 1902 (monument) SURVEYORS

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Milestone No. ---(210) and the small mound of earth and stones are significant on the national and state levels primarily as being among the thematic group series of some 248 markers still visually defining Mason and Dixon's West Line, the 230.228-mile English provincial boundary later known as the Mason-Dixon Line, famous for its historical impact and innovative survey methods. The site was surveyed and marked with a cairn in 1767, and the new Cockeysville marble monument added to the center of the remains of the cairn in 1902 during the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary. Locally, as among the some 42 markers along the present Garrett/Somerset-Fayette county boundary, No. ---(210) and the mound are also significant symbolically for their identifiable relationship to the colonial and Civil War heritage of these counties.

HISTORY AND SUPPORT (see Thematic Group National Register nomination form)

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATAACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one acre

Quadrangle name: Accident (Maryland-Pennsylvania), USGS 7.5 minute series (topographic), 1948 photorev. 1974, scale 1:24000

NOTE: monument/mound location not shown on quadrangle; see 1900-03 Resurvey engineer's map, Plates XIX, LXX

UTM reference(approx.): zone 17, easting 64340, northing 439797

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

N/A

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE Maryland

COUNTY Garrett

STATE Pennsylvania

COUNTY Somerset

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Alice Martin (volunteer, Mason and Dixon's West Line boundary marker surveyor)

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust/Maryland Geological Survey

DATE

9/6/81 (site surveyed)

STREET & NUMBER

14308 Mount Avenue

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(301) 472-2128

CITY OR TOWN

Phoenix

STATE

Maryland 21131

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MASON EDIXON'S WEST LINE; MILESTONE NO. 65

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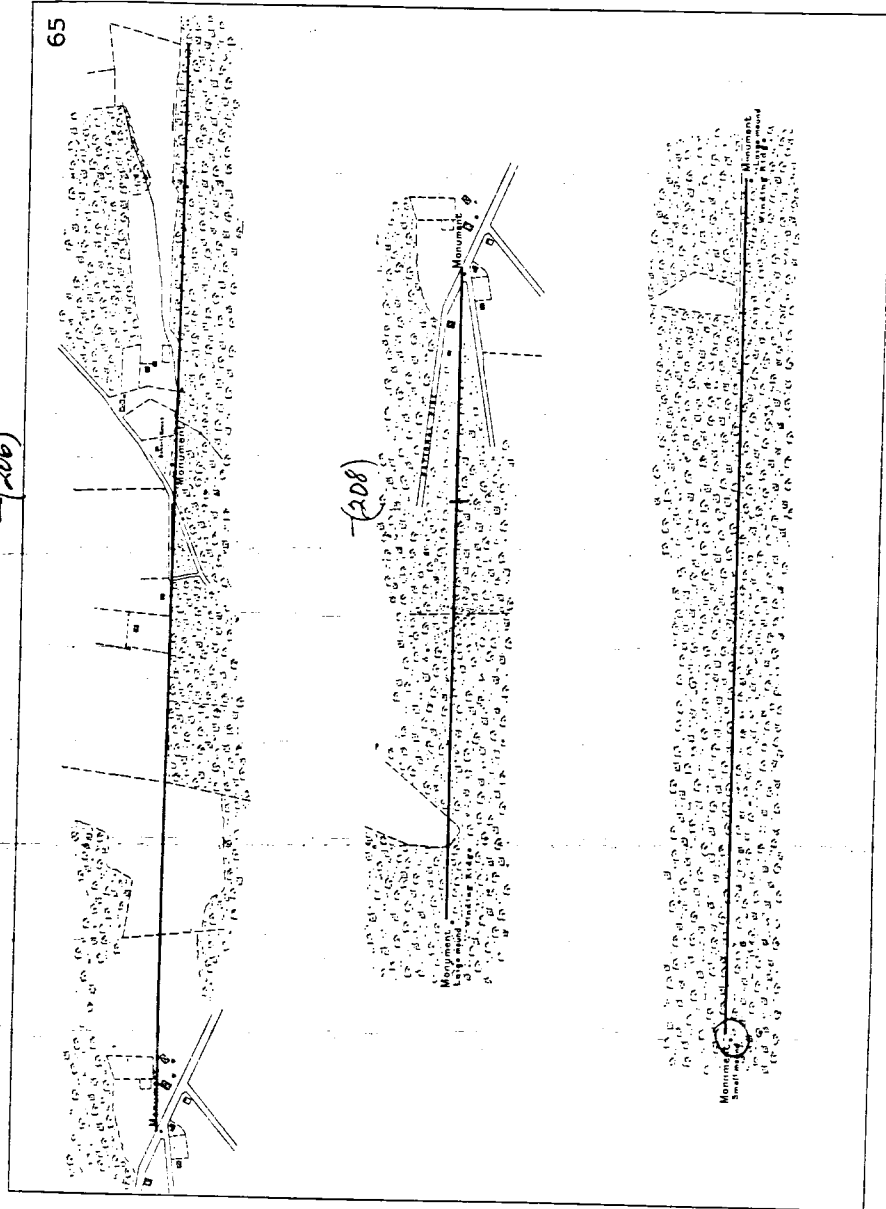
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RESURVEY OF MASON-DIXON LINE.

PLATE LXIX.



SCALE: 1" = 1000'

(206)

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MASON & DIXON WEST LINE BOUNDARY MARKERS

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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

ACCIDENT QUADRANGLE
MARYLAND-PENNSYLVANIA
USGS 7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)
1948 PHOTO REV. 19TH
SCALE: 1" = 2000'

STATE OF MARYLAND
MARYLAND GEOLOGICAL SURVEY



3.1 SW
BY PYLE

2'30"

640000m E

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UNIONTOWN 22 MI.
SOMERFIELD 27 MI

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(PA)

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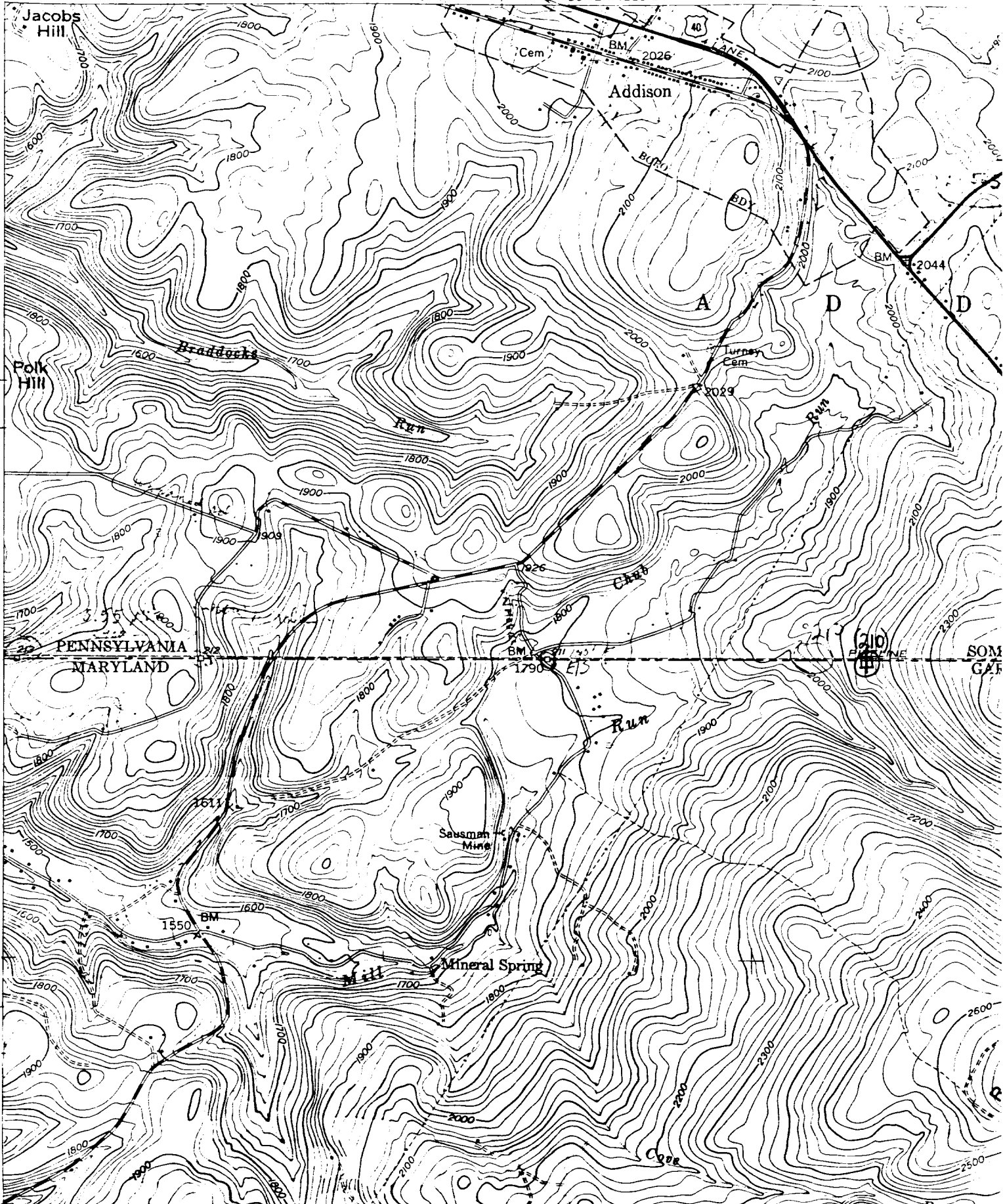
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4397

42'30"

9.4 MI. TO U. S. 40
FRIENDSVILLE 9 MI





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MASON'S DND 2250 WEST LINE MILESTONE - (210)

TOWNE MOUNTAIN (1921) - 10000 FEET
2000 FEET WIDE - 1000 FEET FROM
MASON'S DND 2250 WEST LINE

NE CORNER - 2)

MASON'S DND 2250 WEST LINE - 210



